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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO JULY 4 MESSAGE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE, DATED JULY 4. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHIC; HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE. SINCERELY GERALD R. FORD.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOIC.

3. FYI. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. QUOTE: ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY I HAVE THE HONOR TO SEND YOU MY WARM CON-
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GRATULATIONS AND THE BEST WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERI-

TY THAT I EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE IVORY COAST AND
IN MY OWN NAME. I FERVENTLY HOPE FOR THE STRENGTHENING
OF THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO

COUNTRIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES AND
FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. VERY HIGH
CONSIDERATION, FELIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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